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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO FILL A NON-MERIT SYSTEM POSITION  
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

**JOB TITLE:** Recreation / Activity Specialist III

**NUMBER:** 17-09

**JOB CODE:** J3000

**DATE:** July 14, 2017

**JOB LOCATION:** Mary Starke Harper  
Geriatric Psychiatry Center  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**POSITION NO.:** 8801999

**SALARY RANGE:** 73 (\$37,389.60 - \$56,685.60 Annually)

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Masters' degree in Therapeutic Recreation, Recreation or a closely related field. Considerable experience (48 months or more) in recreation, physical education, or therapeutic activities.

**KIND OF WORK:** This is professional work as the Director of Therapeutic Recreation Services at a state mental health hospital that specializes in the psychiatric, medical care and treatment of mentally ill patients age 65 and older. Therapeutic Recreation Services provides recreational treatment programming, diversional leisure activities, and leisure education to improve functioning and independence of geriatric patients, in order to reduce or eliminate the effects of illness or disability. The Director will also participate in the provision of therapeutic recreation services for geriatric patients. Duties and responsibilities include planning, organizing, directing and managing therapeutic recreation activities and related services for patients; active participation in individualized patient treatment planning conferences and treatment review meetings; completion of patients' recreation assessments; and directing, supervising and assessing the work of Therapeutic Recreation staff.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:** Considerable knowledge of the basic theories and practices associated with the therapeutic use of various recreational and leisure activities. Considerable knowledge of the nature and specifications for equipment and supplies needed to provide assigned activities / treatments and their proper care and maintenance. Knowledge of individuals and group behavior and effective ways of working with mentally challenged geriatric individuals. Ability to gather, interpret and utilize data. Ability to plan, develop, provide and evaluate therapeutic activity programming. Ability to organize, direct and evaluate the work of subordinate staff.

**METHOD OF SELECTION:** Applicants will be rated on the basis of an evaluation of their job related training, abilities, experience, and education, and should provide adequate work history

identifying experiences related to the duties and minimum qualifications as above mentioned. All relevant information is subject to verification. Drug screening is required. Security clearances will be conducted on prospective applicants being given serious consideration for employment whose job requires direct contact with patients.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Use an "Application for Professional Employment" (Exempt Classification) which may be obtained from the website below or you may pick up an application from the Harper Center. **Applications must be returned to the Mary Starke Harper Geriatric Psychiatry Center, Human Resources Department, 115 Harper Court, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401 by UNTIL FILLED in order to be considered for this position. An OFFICIAL copy of your academic transcript from the university or college from which you received your degree is required and must be forwarded by the college or university to the Human Resources Department at the above address.** If applicable, provide professional licensure type, license number and issuing agency.

*“Only work experience detailed on the application form will be considered. Additional sheets, if needed, should be in the same format as the application. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of an official application.”*

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